

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 25 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, all claims received a provisional non-statutory double patenting rejection over co-pending applications 10/635,744 and 10/635,884. A Terminal Disclaimer relating to these co-pending applications is filed herewith.

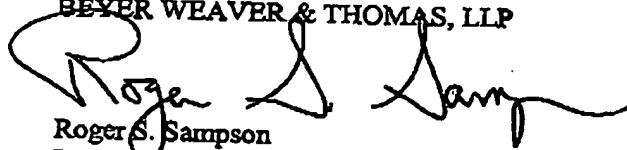
The specification was objected to because the serial numbers of the cross-referenced applications noted in the first paragraph of this application were missing. Accordingly, a mark-up replacement paragraph is provided on page 2 of this Amendment. Applicants' attorney has also filed an Information Disclosure Statement citing all Office Actions and Search Reports of the cross-referenced applications and their international phase counterpart applications, and of the prior art that was cited therein.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. NWISP043).

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